

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Complex at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Mark Blankenship, Mayor
 Brenda Simechak, Council President, Place No. 4
 Leah Harlow, Councilmember, Place No. 1
 Les Perault, Councilmember, Place No. 2
 Winston T. Jackson, Councilmember, Place No. 3
 Stanley Enfinger, Councilmember, Place No. 5

Absent:

Also present: Denise Strickland, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Chief Philip Prince, Chief Charles Ward, Ryan Campbell, Joseph McNabb, Ozzie Maianeto, Justin Byrd and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Jackson gave the prayer followed by Mayor Blankenship leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2022 President Simechak asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2022, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that it was time to set the Agenda. Councilmember Harlow made a motion to set the Agenda as amended, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Item #5, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow introduced an Ordinance to amend Chapter 11 Occupational Licenses, Taxes and Regulations, Article 1. In General, Sect. 11-3, License Term; Minimums and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson introduced a Resolution Declaring Certain Properties located at 1394 S Union Avenue, 143 Valentine Street, 209 Leatherwood Court, 658 E Eufaula Street, 298 East Broad Street and 126 Hillside Drive a Public Nuisance and Setting a Public Hearing for September 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow introduced a Resolution Declaring Certain Properties with Dangerous Buildings located at, Chancey Proerty located on Andrews Avenue deadline for October 3, 2022 for all improvements, Ingrid's Thrift Store and Apartment Structures on Andrews Ave, 6101 Andrews Ave, 3165 Andrews Ave, 614 Hwy 123 South, College Street (Masonic Lodge), 625 West College Street, 570 West College Street, 923 Hwy 231 South, 1394 South Union Ave, 446 E Andrews Ave, 513 Simmons Street, 312 and 314 Williams Street (granting a 90 day extension), 341 Church Ave, Hull Street Parcel, 155 Pridgen Street, Simmons Ave, 17 Plum Street and 278 Debra Lane a Public Nuisance and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault introduced a Resolution Confirming the Cost of a Weed Lien at 255 John D. Seifert Drive in the amount of \$450 and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson introduced a Resolution Confirming the Cost of a Weed Lien at 318 Westview Drive in the amount of \$500 and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

At the September 1, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting the Commission made a motion to approve the recommendation to rezone property located at 271 Willa Street from R-5 to RH if the distance requirements were met concerning the Ozark Utilities Board Well located next to the property. After further investigation the distance requirements were not met, therefore Councilmember Perault made a motion to deny the request for rezoning, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to Award the Bid for the City of Ozark's Farmer's Market, construction only, to Elite Building Group in the amount of \$327,875, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to re-appoint Sammy Judah to the Ozark-Dale County Economic Development Corporation Board, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Charles Ward Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the First and Second Reading of Application – Licensee: Dale County Performing Arts Council; Trade Name; Nonsense, 312 E College Street NON-RENEWABLE LICENSE, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Councilmember Simechak abstained from the vote.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to approve a 2.5% pay increase for all Department Heads and employees who have topped out on the City of Ozark Pay Scale to be given at the same time as all annual pay increases, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that a copy of the Financial Report was in their packet for review.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2022, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk